

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION**TOPIC**Hardwood Timber Sale - Yellow River State Forest

The Natural Resource Commission is asked to approve the sale of an estimated 75,120 board feet of mixed hardwood trees at the Yellow River State Forest. The sale consists of 430 trees.

Species	Volume	# trees
Red Oak	36,960	152
White Oak	17,400	120
Bur Oak	120	1
Hard Maple	2,400	21
White Ash	2,980	19
Elm	260	2
Basswood	1,200	11
Aspen	12,600	86
Cherry	140	2
Hickory	1,060	13
Total Sale Vol.	75,120	427
Total # of culls	27	27

An even-aged management system will be used in accordance with the Yellow River State Forest Management Plan to remove the stand by clear-cutting. The harvest will allow sunlight to stimulate the growth of oak seedlings already present on the site. Prescribed fire may be used periodically as a management tool to stimulate oak regeneration and control competing vegetation after the harvest.

A natural areas inventory was conducted, and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Many aspen and oaks in this stand are declining due to disease. Harvesting and regenerating this stand will help prevent the spread of disease throughout the surrounding forest.

Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Best management practices (BMP's) will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid

trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the SMA (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

The following bids were received for the sale:

Company	Location	Amount of Bid
Dan Jones Logging	Waterville, IA	\$27,665.00
Grau Logs & Lumber	Elkader, IA	\$24,127.00
Nelson Hardwoods	Prairie du Chien, WI	\$22,676.00
Wilson Custom Tree	Cresco, IA	\$19,400.00
Buffalo Lumber and Tie Co.	Fountain City, WI	\$18,280.00
Jones Wood Heating	McGregor, IA	\$17,973.00
Kendrick Forest Products	Edgewood, IA	\$16,528.00
Wieland & Sons Lumber Co.	Winthrop, IA	\$11,340.00

The Commission is requested to approve a contract with the high bidder, Dan Jones Logging for \$27,665.00.

Paul Tauke, Forestry Bureau Chief
Conservation and Recreation Division
December 11, 2008

Attachment: Notice of Timber for Sale (including maps)

October 20, 2008

NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE

The State of Iowa is offering approximately **75,120** board feet (Scribner) of timber in **430** trees located on the Yellow River State Forest. Trees are marked with **yellow** paint. The trees are located on areas as shown on the enclosed maps. Bidders should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. The timber is accessible through state land.

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*** There are an additional 27 cull trees marked with a yellow "X". These trees may be harvested, but are not included in the BF volume of the sale.**

Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 pm, Monday, November 17th, 2008** at which time bids will be opened. The sale will be awarded to the highest bidder, except that the seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Mail or deliver bids to **Bob Honeywell, Area Forester, Yellow River State Forest, 729 State Forest Road, Harpers Ferry, IA. 52146.** (Phone 563-586-2254). Telephoned bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at the forest headquarters.

The successful bidder must execute a timber sale contract with the State of Iowa within 14 days after notification that the sale has been approved.

Trees must be removed by **April 13, 2010**. Liability insurance is required. Buyers must be bonded.

Special Conditions

1. Bob Honeywell, Area Forester, will be notified when the logger is operating on the sale area.
2. Logging and transporting of logs will be permitted only when the ground is firm.
3. Trails and access lanes, rivers, and streams must be left free of tops and debris. All trails must be left smooth and without ruts.
4. The areas are open to logging activities from **September 17 through April 13** each year.
5. Best Management Practices as described in *Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices* are to be followed particularly when working around or across water courses.
6. All skid routes and landings will be approved prior to harvest with the Area Forester.

For further information, contact Bob Honeywell, Area Forester at (563) 586-2254.

Amount bid for 430 trees with an estimated 75,120 board feet of timber on the Paint Creek Unit of Yellow River State Forest

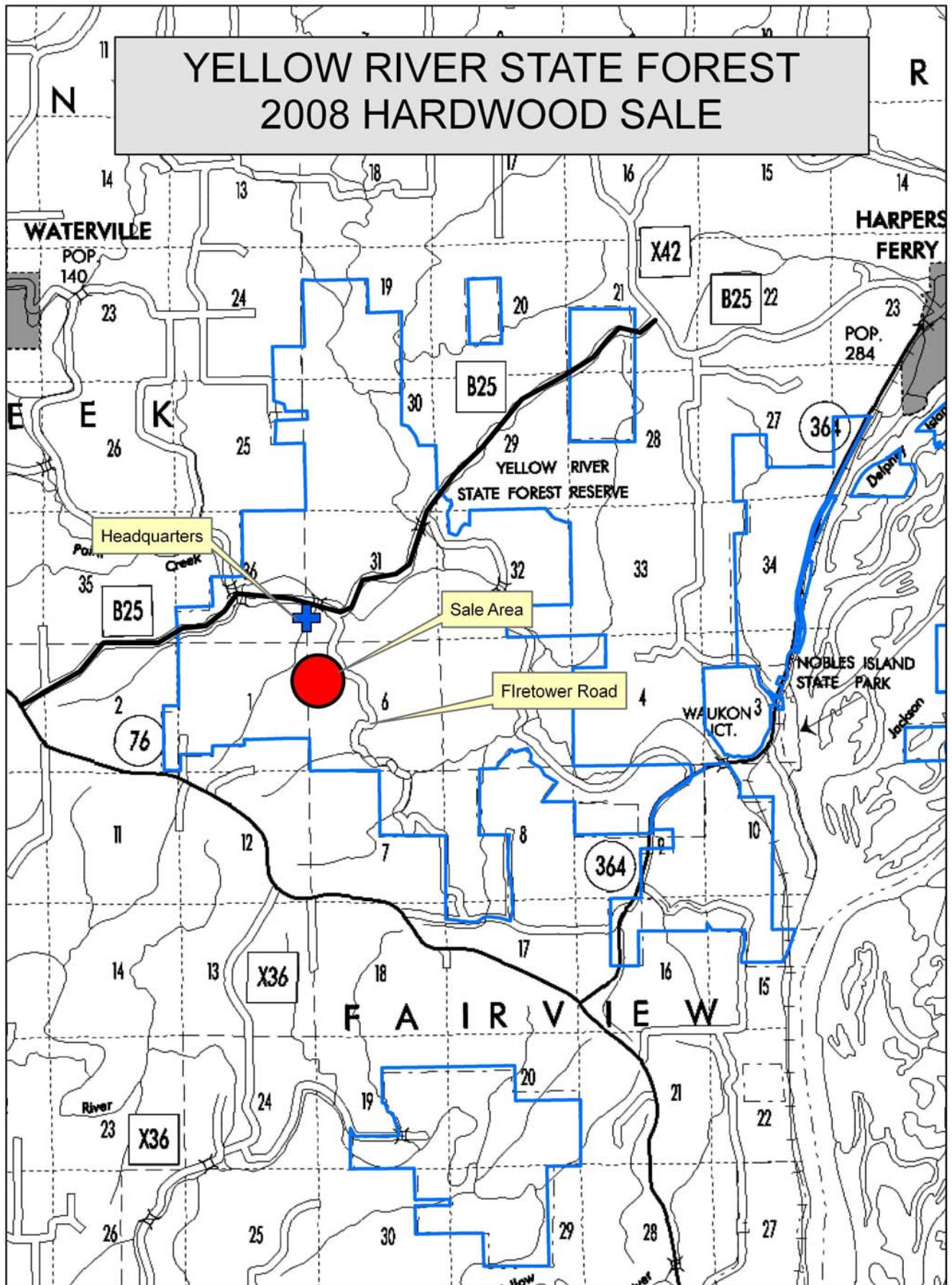
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Date _____

Signature of Bidder

This bid must be signed by the person submitting the bid. Please write **“sealed bid”** on the outside of the envelope so it will not be opened by mistake.

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